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S. 3493

To reauthorize and enhance Johanna’s Law to increase public awareness
and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 15, 2010

Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. MENENDEZ) introduced
the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee
on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic
cancers.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. REAUTHORIZATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF**
4 **JOHANNA’S LAW.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 317P(d)(4) of the Public
6 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–17(d)(4)) is amended
7 by inserting after “2009” the following: “, \$16,500,000
8 for the period of fiscal years 2010 through 2012, and such
9 sums as are necessary for each subsequent fiscal year”.

1 (b) COLLABORATION WITH NONPROFIT
 2 GYNECOLOGIC CANCER ORGANIZATIONS.—Section
 3 317P(d) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–17(d)) is amended
 4 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

5 “(5) COLLABORATION WITH NONPROFIT
 6 GYNECOLOGIC CANCER ORGANIZATIONS.—In car-
 7 rying out the national campaign under this sub-
 8 section, the Secretary shall collaborate with the lead-
 9 ing nonprofit gynecologic cancer organizations, with
 10 a mission both to conquer ovarian cancer nationwide
 11 and to provide outreach to State and local govern-
 12 ments and communities, for the purpose of deter-
 13 mining the best practices for providing gynecologic
 14 cancer information and outreach services to varied
 15 populations.”.

16 **SEC. 2. DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING OUT-**
 17 **REACH AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES RELAT-**
 18 **ING TO GYNECOLOGIC CANCER.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 317P of the Public
 20 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–17) is amended by
 21 adding at the end the following new subsection:

22 “(e) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING OUT-
 23 REACH AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry
 25 out a program to make grants to nonprofit private

1 entities for the purpose of carrying out demonstra-
2 tion projects to test different outreach and education
3 strategies to increase the awareness and knowledge
4 of women and health care providers with respect to
5 gynecologic cancers, including early warning signs,
6 risk factors, prevention, screening, and treatment
7 options. Such strategies shall include strategies di-
8 rected at women and their families, physicians,
9 nurses, and key health professionals.

10 “(2) PREFERENCES IN MAKING GRANTS.—In
11 making grants under paragraph (1), the Secretary
12 shall give preference to—

13 “(A) applicants with demonstrated exper-
14 tise in gynecologic cancer education or treat-
15 ment or in working with groups of women who
16 are at especially high risk of gynecologic can-
17 cers; and

18 “(B) applicants that, in the demonstration
19 project funded by the grant, will establish link-
20 ages between physicians, nurses, and key health
21 professionals, hospitals, payers, and State
22 health departments.

23 “(3) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may
24 be made under paragraph (1) only if an application
25 for the grant is submitted to the Secretary and the

1 application is in such form, is made in such manner,
2 and contains such agreements, assurances, and in-
3 formation as the Secretary determines to be nec-
4 essary to carry out this subsection.

5 “(4) CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—In making
6 grants under paragraph (1)—

7 “(A) the Secretary shall make grants to
8 not fewer than five applicants, subject to the
9 extent of amounts made available in appropria-
10 tions Acts; and

11 “(B) the Secretary shall ensure that infor-
12 mation provided through demonstration projects
13 under such grants is consistent with the best
14 available medical information.

15 “(5) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6
16 months after the date of the enactment of this sub-
17 section and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall
18 submit to the Congress a report that—

19 “(A) summarizes the activities of dem-
20 onstration projects under paragraph (1);

21 “(B) evaluates the extent to which the
22 projects were effective in increasing early detec-
23 tion of gynecologic cancers and awareness of
24 risk factors and early warning signs in the pop-

1 ulations to which the projects were directed;
2 and

3 “(C) identifies barriers to early detection
4 and appropriate treatment of such cancers.

5 “(6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of car-
7 rying out this subsection, there is authorized to
8 be appropriated in the aggregate \$15,000,000
9 for the period of fiscal years 2010 through
10 2012 and such sums as are necessary for each
11 subsequent fiscal year.

12 “(B) ADMINISTRATION, TECHNICAL AS-
13 SISTANCE, AND EVALUATION.—Of the amounts
14 appropriated under subparagraph (A), not more
15 than 9 percent may be expended for the pur-
16 pose of administering this subsection, providing
17 technical assistance to grantees under this sub-
18 section, and preparing the report under para-
19 graph (5).”.

20 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection
21 (d)(3)(A) of such section is amended by inserting “(other
22 than subsections (e))” after “this section”.

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